

(WASHINGTON) --- Congressman Allen West (FL-22) announces today events planned in the 22nd District during the 48th annual National Small Business Week, May 16th-20th. National Small Business Week will focus on the needs, well being and contributions of small businesses to America.

Small Business Advisory Committee
Tuesday, May 17th
Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce
4 p.m.

*The newly appointed Congressional District Small Business Advisory Committee consists of 12 small business owners selected to advise the Congressman. This first meeting will be a roundtable discussion addressing the growing challenges and needs of small business owners. Announcement will be made on upcoming small business initiative.

Small Business Empowerment Forum
Friday, May 20th
Hilton Hotel
Deerfield Beach
8- 9:00 am

*Congressman West and Florida Senate President Mike Haridopolos will meet with 100-150 local small business owners to discuss taxes, regulatory burdens, and health care reform. Event sponsored by the Alliance for Affordable Services and Florida Tax Watch.

Employers can register by clicking [here](#) or by calling Alliance Member Services at 800-733-2242.

*Media are invited to attend both events, to sit in on discussions, interview local business owners, and speak with Congressman West about his role on the House Committee on Small Business and his plans for addressing the needs of Small Business Owners. Please read his recent legislation, providing tax credits for [Small Business Owners hiring Unemployed Americans](#)

"America's nearly 30 million small businesses are the engines of job creation and the lifeblood of our nation's economy," West said. "Small businesses create seven of every ten new jobs and they employ just over half of the country's private sector workforce. Simply put – our nation's economy will only go as far as our small businesses will take them."

Media planning to attend either event, contact Communications Director Angela Sachitano at (202) 731-1778.

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